

ORNITHOLOGICAL NEWS

A conference on the potential role of birds in the epidemiology of certain viruses affecting man was held at the National Institutes of Health on April 4, 1960. The purpose was to bring ornithologists and virologists together in a joint effort to suggest solutions for these problems. A result of the discussions was recognition that many ornithological aspects need more research. For example, dates of arrival and of departure, number of migrants, distribution in South America and in southern United States, and also several physiological aspects are important problems that ornithologists might explore in more detail. The Public Health Service supports basic research that often has intrinsic ornithological value. Information about applications for grants may be obtained from: Research Grants Division, U.S. Public Health Service, Bethesda 14, Maryland. The ornithologists present at the conference were David E. Davis, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Allan Duvall, Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Maryland; William W. H. Gunn, Ontario Society of Naturalists, Toronto, Canada; and Herbert Friedmann, U.S. National Museum, Washington 25, D.C.

Thirteen 2" x 2" color transparencies, used by Mr. H. W. Kale to illustrate his paper on the Worthington's Long-billed Marsh Wren on Saturday morning, May 7, 1960, at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, are missing. Several of the slides were aerial photographs, two were of a young wren, and the others were of tables showing mortality, population density, etc.

If anyone can help Mr. Kale locate his slides, please do so. His address is: The University of Georgia Marine Institute, Sapelo Island, Georgia.

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